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SUBJECT: NATO SYG LUNS TO PLEAD FOR KLM WITH PRESIDENT

1. NATO SYG LUNS, ANNOUNCED DURING SCHIPHOL AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR U.S. FEB. 21, THAT HE PLANNED RAISE QUESTION OF U.S. PRESSURE AGAINST KLM WITH PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SPARKMAN. IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS SYMBOLIC GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR DUTCH AIRLINE, LUNS TRAVELLED TO NETHERLANDS FROM BRUSSELS IN ORDER FLY KLM TO U.S.

2. SAYING THAT IN HIS CAPACITY AS NATO SYG HE COULD NOT PROPERLY SPEAK ABOUT SPECIFIC KLM QUESTIONS, BUT "IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ALLIANCE, I CANNOT IGNORE THE FACT THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE NETHERLANDS, OTHER COUNTRIES

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SUCH AS BELGIUM, DENMARK, AND NORWAY HAVE BEEN

SUBJECTED TO THE SAME SORT OF POLITICAL THREATS".
LUNS ALSO SAID THAT "IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF THAT VERY
RESTRICTIVE CIVIL AIR POLICIES AGAINST FOUR SMALL
NATO COUNTRIES CANNOT BE GOOD FOR ALLIANCE UNITY".

3. PRIMIN DEN UYL, IN PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER
WEEKLY CABINET MEETING, SAID THAT CABINET HAD HAD NO
FOREWARNING REGARDING LUNS' PLANS RAISE KLM ISSUE WITH
TOP U.S. OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO DEN UYL, LUNS WOULD
BE ACTING AS PRIVATE CITIZEN, AND AS SUCH WAS FREE
DO WHATEVER HE THOUGHT APPROPRIATE. PRIMIN NOTED THAT
MANY INFLUENTIAL DUTCHMEN HAD EXPRESSED THEIR
CONCERNS OVER PRESSURES BROUGHT AGAINST KLM, AND THAT
ALL OF THEIR EFFORTS WERE APPRECIATED.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, DEN UYL SAID THAT
GON HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM U.S. THAT NO UNILATERAL
ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST KLM UNTIL FURTHER TALKS
WERE HELD BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF TWO GOVERNMENTS. TALKS
COULD BE BETWEEN OFFICIALS DIRECTLY CONCERNED OR POSSIBLY
EVEN BETWEEN FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AND SECRETARY OF STATE.
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